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Department of Early Learning**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2005-07 Expenditure Authority				
Supplemental Changes				
Early Reading Initiative		125		125
Head Start - State Collaboration Office	.8		180	180
Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program	6.8	29,941		29,941
New Agency Operations	3.5	1,138		1,138
SmartBuy		(14)		(14)
Subtotal - Supplemental Changes	11.0	31,190	180	31,370
Total Proposed Budget	11.0	31,190	180	31,370
Difference	11.0	31,190	180	31,370
Percent Change	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES**Early Reading Initiative**

The early reading initiative was created by the Legislature in the 2005-07 biennial budget bill. Funding is provided for an early reading grant program for community-based initiatives to develop pre-reading and early reading skills through parental and community involvement, public awareness, coordination of resources, and partnerships with local school districts. Five local and regional proposals were funded through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in Fiscal Year 2006. This grant program is transferred from OSPI to the new Department of Early Learning.

Head Start - State Collaboration Office

This federally-funded office was created to ensure a visible state presence for the federal/local Head Start Program. It develops and supports multi-agency partnerships at the federal, state, and local levels. The office is transferred from the Department of Social and Health Services to the Department of Early Learning. (General Fund-Federal)

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program

The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a state-funded comprehensive preschool program for three- and four-year-old low-income children and their families. Children receive early learning services in literacy, language, math, science, health, medical linkages, and social and emotional development. ECEAP offers family support services to encourage parental involvement. It also provides education to parents in child development, health, and nutrition. This program is transferred from the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development to the Department of Early Learning.

New Agency Operations

This item provides one-time funds to cover program transition and establish a headquarters office for the new department. Also funded are the ongoing costs of staffing and operating an agency.